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SUBJECT: GHANA DEBT: AMONOO ASKS FOR US REACTION

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SMITH ON STOCKPILE RELEASES REPORTED SEPTTEL, AMBAS- SADOR AMONOO ASKED FOR USG REACTION TO GHANAIAAN DEBT RESCHEDULING RESPONSE REPORTED REFTTEL.

2. IN REPLY, SMITH SAID USG HAS REACHED NO CLEAR CON- CLUSION. HE INFORMED AMONOO OF MAY 8-9 CREDITORS' MEETING CONVOKED BY HMG, NOTING THIS WOULD GIVE USG REPRESENTATIVES OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH OTHER CREDITORS AND
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TO PREPARE A RESPONSE TO GOG. SMITH SAID THAT AFTER CON-
VERSATION WITH CHAUFURNIER HE BELIEVES CHAUFURNIER VISIT
TO ACCRA HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL, ADDING THAT CHAUFURNIER
WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN ANSWERS TO SOME OF USG'S QUESTIONS
ABOUT GHANAIAI POSITION. CONCLUDING, SMITH SAID HE REMAINS
OPTIMISTIC DEBT SETTLEMENT WILL BE REACHED.

3. AMONOO THEN ASKED IF SMITH'S RESPONSE MEANS USG
CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO QUOTE ACT ALONE UNQUOTE. SMITH
REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, ADDING THAT DISCUSSION OF AN
AMERICAN LOAN HAS BEGUN IN ACCRA BETWEEN US AID DIRECTOR
AND GHANAIAI AUTHORITIES. SMITH EXPRESSED HOPE LONDON

MEETING WILL PRODUCE A MESSAGE WHICH CAN BE TAKEN TO GOG
AND LEAD TO A MEETING WITH THE GHANA GOVERNMENT AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. PORTER

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